

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, October 31, 2021 | 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 – Apostles of the Seventy: Stachys, Amplias, Urban,
Narcissus, Apeliles, and Aristobulus (1st c.)
+ New Hieromartyr Archpriest John Kochurov (1917)

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Weekly Schedule

- Today: We welcome Archbishop MARK who is joining us for the Divine Liturgy
- Tuesday: November 2 – Election Day! Get out there and vote!
- Saturday: November 6 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: November 7 – Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy
- Sunday: November 7 – Saint Blessed Olga book club to meet after Divine Liturgy. We will be discussing Chapters 1 thru 3 of the book *Winter Pascha*.
- Monday: November 8 – Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM** for Synaxis of Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers
- Tuesday: November 9 – Bible Study at **6:30PM** in the church basement and on the ZOOM media platform. Social distancing guidelines will be followed!

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 2)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion (Tone 1 – St John Kochurov)

Thou wast revealed to all as a true shepherd / O Hieromartyr John of Chicago, / for thou didst nurture thy people in the Orthodox Faith, / guiding them by word and deed on the path of salvation, / and defended the Faith even unto the shedding of thy blood. / Therefore we thy spiritual children cry out in thanksgiving: / “Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! / Glory to Him Who granted thee the Martyr’s ^crown! // Glory to Him Who through thee grants mercy to all!”

Kontakion (Tone 2)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion (Tone 3 – St John Kochurov)

Now the holy Hieromartyr is glorified, / for he took up his cross and followed Christ. In so doing, he gave us a model of true discipleship. / Therefore, let us cry aloud to him: // “Rejoice, O Father John, the glory of priests!”

Prokeimenon (Tone 2)

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation.
v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 7 – St John Kochurov)

Let the saints exult in glory, / let them sing for joy on their couches

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
Alleluia (3x’s) (Tone 2)

- v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call to Thee! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Thy priest shall be clothed in righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice! [TONE 2] Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you. And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: Today's readings for Saint John Kochurov:
Epistle – Hebrews 13:7-16 and Gospel – Luke 12:32-40]*

Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements

CARDS FOR OUR TROOPS! – CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

The Christmas Card Project group will complete putting Christmas cards together this week. They will be sending out all the cards by next week in order for our troops to receive them in a timely manner over the Christmas season. If you wish to assist in finalizing this year's project, please speak with Matushka Janine or anyone on the Charity Committee. As always, Thank You for your help and generosity of your time!

Saturday, December 4, 2021 - Parish's Saint Nicholas Fair

The parish will have the Saint Nicholas Fair to support the parish HVAC Project. We are collecting new items and unused items (PLEASE, nothing used!) for sale at the fair. We are also accepting crafts, and baked goods for sale. Please see Matushka Janine if you would like to help to donate. Matushka Janine has a sign-up sheet for baked goods. We had a great time last year and raised a little over \$3,200 for the HVAC project. Please consider joining us!

This year, there will be handmade, natural soaps for sale from Oct 31 to Dec 4. The types of soaps include: honey orange, goats milk unscented, shea butter, francenscence, lavender oatmeal, and men's chappareal soap. Soap cost is \$3 to \$4 per bar. Orders are accepted. No supply chain issues with soap orders! These make great Christmas presents. See Matushka Janine for samples and to purchase.

AMAZON SMILE!

When ordering online on Amazon.com, please make sure to click on Amazon Smile and select our church - Assumption of the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Church - to have a small percentage of your purchases (0.5%) to be contributed to our church. For more information on the Amazon purchase process, please speak with any member of the parish council. Thank You!

COVID Protocol – City of Philadelphia – MASK Policy for Indoors Facilities

This is the parish policy regarding wearing mask inside the church effective as of August 15, 2021:

Request that parishioners wear masks from the entrance to the church to the pews and whenever walking around the church. This includes waiting in line for communion and the cross veneration. At the pews masks are optional.

Our plan follows the same restrictions for small businesses in the City of Philadelphia

May God bless you and keep you and your families safe and well during this time. We pray for all of you at our Divine Liturgies.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Andrew and Tanya Wanenchak (married) offered by Robert Wanenchak
Family and Elliot Torpey offered by Nina Patterson
Daniel Witiak offered by Peter Witiak
Kevin Fox offered by Sandra Hourahan

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Arlene Phipps offered by Robert Wanenchak
Mary Ann Brodie offered by Paul Arroyo

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 10/24/21:

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Please remember in your prayers:

The newly baptized Gabriel Matthew Andrews (October 16) and his parents Matthew & Christina and his godparents. May God Grant Gabriel and the Andrews Family Many Blessed Years!

+ Newly Departed Handmaiden of God Mary Ann (Popelak) Brodie (Sep 16)

Anthony & Lisa Colona; Grace Corba; Protodeacon Joseph Edwards; Edward Gerasimoff (recovery); The Gerty Family; Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Jane Kelly (recovery); Anne (Homa) Killoran (surgery); Sheba Patton (recovery); Joseph Rabik; Dr. Gale Rutan; Peter Witiak; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of October 24)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$5 from the Candy Sale

Announcements (cont.)

Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

*******Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon*******

In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. By the action taken at the Fall General Parish Meeting held on Sunday, October 10, the parish body approved that the special collection for the first three Sundays of the month be earmarked towards the repairing/fixing/replacing of the roofs of both houses that the parish owns (now known as the Row House Fund).

The fourth Sunday (and fifth, when it occurs) the special collection will be earmarked towards Charity.

This new collection schedule will begin on Sunday, October 17.
Please be generous

Cash Flow Activity (October)

<u>Week of Sun Oct 17 to Sat Oct 23</u>	<u>October Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 45	35 (average)
Funds In: \$ 2,797.00	\$ 7,005.84
Funds Out: (\$ 70.00) reimbursement	\$ 4,492.66
Net Surplus/(Deficit): \$ 2,867.00	\$ 2,513.18

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see either David Pellack or Ken Kavalkovich to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events

- 1st Sunday of each month** – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
- 2nd Tuesday of each month** – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
- 2nd Sunday of each month** – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
- 3rd Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
- 4th Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
- 5th Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Readers Schedule:

	<u>Today (Oct 31)</u>	<u>Next Week (Nov 7)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Michael Wanenchak	Reader Mark Klus
6 th Hour:	Matthew Andrews	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus and John Spack	David Pellack

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Oct 31): No Team Scheduled (Rotation Break)

[Please Note: Coffee will be made & available, however, parishioners may volunteer to host a luncheon since Archbishop MARK will be in attendance at our parish this Sunday]

Next Week (Nov 7): Saint Juvenaly

(Deacon Michael, Matushka Janine, Catherine Kavalkovich, David Pellack)

Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in October & November 2021.

During October – Completion of putting Christmas Cards together

Thanksgiving Turkey Donations (October 17 to November 7): We will be collecting \$3.00 donations for turkeys and distribute donations to Mother Catherine

Advent Giving (October 17 to December 12): We will be collecting food and cleaning supplies for Soap & Song Homeless group and Food Pantry

Sunday, November 21 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Sunday school classroom



Apostles of the Seventy: Stachys, Amplias, Urban, Narcissus, Apelilies, & Aristobulus [October 31th]

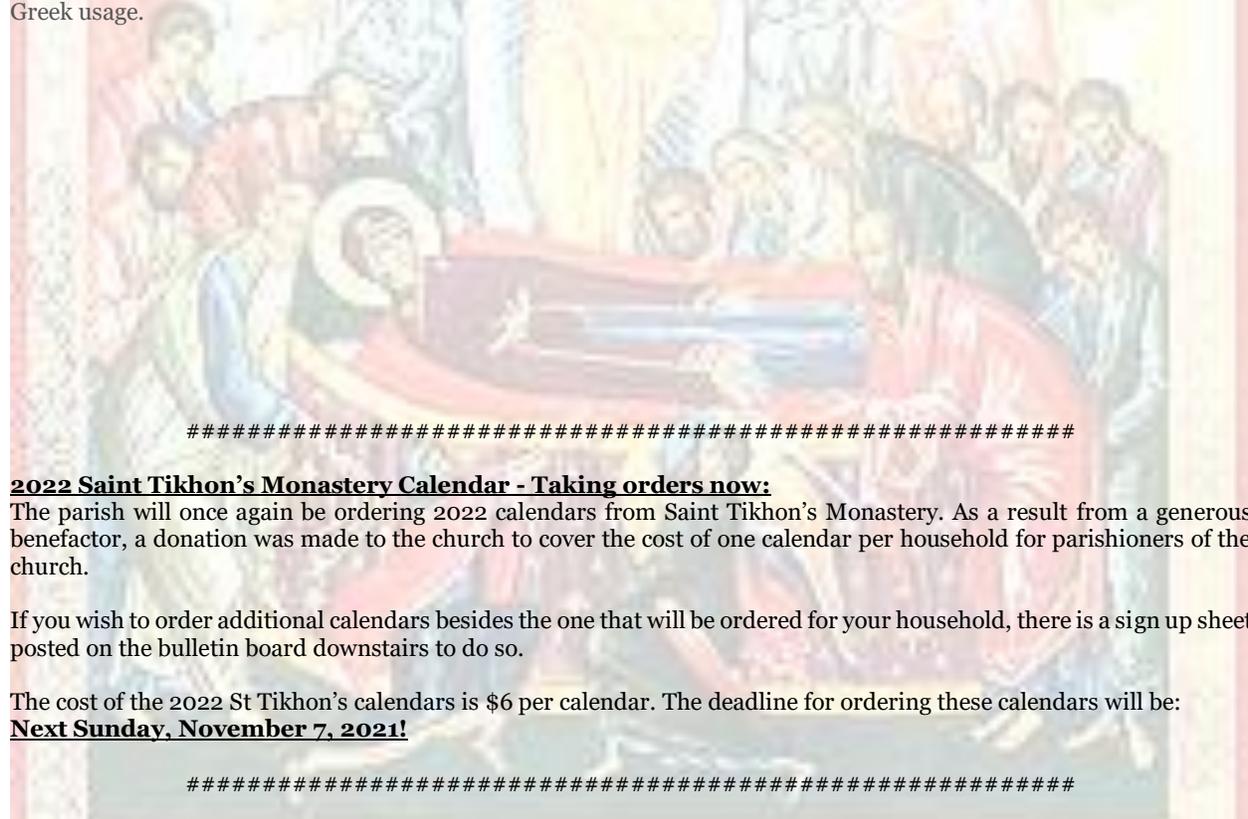
Saint Stachys, one of the Seventy Apostles, was ordained as Bishop of Byzantium by Saint Andrew (November 30). He founded a church at Argyropolis, and many people gathered there to hear him preach. He was a good shepherd to his flock, zealously proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, converting many to the true Faith, and laboring tirelessly for their salvation for sixteen years. He departed to the Lord in peace.

Saints Amplias and Urban were also made Bishops by Saint Andrew. Amplias was the Bishop of Diopolis, and Urban was the Bishop of Macedonia. They also suffered martyrdom because they were destroying the pagan idols.

Saint Nárçissus was appointed as Bishop of Athens by the Apostle Philip. He was tortured and put to death by the idol-worshippers because of his zeal in proclaiming the truth of the Gospel.

Saint Apellēs was the Bishop of Herakleia, and he brought many to the Christian Faith.

Saint Aristóboulos (icon above), one of the Seventy Apostles, was the brother of Saint Barnabas (June 11) and proclaimed the Gospel in Britain, where he died in peace. He is also commemorated on March 16, but on March 15 in Greek usage.



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2022 Saint Tikhon’s Monastery Calendar - Taking orders now:

The parish will once again be ordering 2022 calendars from Saint Tikhon’s Monastery. As a result from a generous benefactor, a donation was made to the church to cover the cost of one calendar per household for parishioners of the church.

If you wish to order additional calendars besides the one that will be ordered for your household, there is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board downstairs to do so.

The cost of the 2022 St Tikhon’s calendars is \$6 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: **Next Sunday, November 7, 2021!**

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